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From: Jones, Joel E.
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:04 PM
To: jwhynot@aqmd.gov
Cc: Johnson, Kathleen
Subject: Exide

Hi Jill,

Mohsen asked us if we were familiar with any consulting firms that do hazardous waste cleanup and remediation work. EPA has ongoing cleanup and remediation work with several large firms including (Brown & Caldwell, Tetra Tech, CH2M Hill and Environ).

- Joel

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From: LEONIDO-JOHN, STEVEN
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 1:23 PM
To: sunger@waterboards.ca.gov; Mohsen Nazemi
Cc: Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy
Subject: LA Area enforcement

Hi Sam and Mohsen – as you both know, EPA Region 9 recently organized an Enforcement Division to consolidate our enforcement activities for greater effectiveness and efficiency. We're now looking to expand our enforcement presence in Southern California. Region 9 believes the recent experiences with AllenCo and Exide demonstrated the benefits of good coordination, collaboration and communication between enforcement agencies. As EPA R9 begins increasing our enforcement presence in Southern California we wanted to assess whether it would be useful to have regular enforcement coordination meetings to discuss targeting, information sharing, technical support, or for other collaboration opportunities. To start this assessment, we'd like the opportunity to sit down with both of you, and appropriate others from your agencies, to discuss options. Based on this initial conversation, we would talk with DTSC to engage with them as well.

Are you available on Tuesday, August 12 to have a discussion about coordinating on Southern California enforcement? I suspect we'd want an hour or so, and we're looking at a time between mid-morning and mid-afternoon. We could host at the SCFO or would be happy to travel to either of your offices should that be more convenient for you. If we get a thumbs up, please let us know what time would work best for you and we'll draft an agenda and circulate that for your input prior to the meeting.

Thanks your consideration of this request.

Also – please note that my last name and email address changed recently, so if you could update your contact list I would appreciate it.

Steven

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From: Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 3:42 PM
To: Johnson, Kathleen
Cc: Jill Whynot
Subject: Exide

Hi Kathleen. As a follow up to our conversation this morning, I checked with Barry and please send a list of third party contractors that EPA is familiar with to Jill Whynot, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Engineering & Compliance, (jwhynot@aqmd.gov, (909)396-3104) who is also copied on this email. I have also included your contact information below for Jill. Thanks.

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From: Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Mohsen Nazemi;Johnson, Kathleen;Jones, Joel E.;Salazar, Matt;Sims, Mark
Cc: bwallerstein@aqmd.gov; kwiese@aqmd.gov; Bayron Gilchrist;Barbara Baird;Nancy Feldman;Teresa Barrera
Subject: Exide Lead Monitoring Data thru 6/23/2014
Attachments: '14 FnclnRsIts-VernonCA.XLSM

Importance: High

Hi Kathleen, Joel, Matt and Mark. As a follow up to our last Friday's conference call with Kara, and in case you wanted to see the most recent ambient monitoring data before your 9:00 a.m. NOV Conference call with Exide, attached please find ambient monitoring data that I received from Exide this morning for the period through June 23, 2014. Please note that the data includes lead, as well as arsenic ambient data. Please share this with Kara and let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks.

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To: Edwin Pupka; Nieto, Edward@DTSC; Andrew Lee; Philip Fine; Nieto, Edward@DTSC; Veile, Bill@DTSC; pruttan@dtsc.ca.gov; Chung Liu (Mit)
Cc: Andrea Polidori; Rudy Eden; David Jones; Mohsen Nazemi; Michal Haynes; Marco Polo; Payam Pakbin; Christopher Ravenstein
Subject: Exide hi-vol data thru 6/23/2014

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To: Johnson, Kathleen; Jones, Joel E.; Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark
Cc: bwallerstein@aqmd.gov; kwiese@aqmd.gov; Bayron Gilchrist; Barbara Baird; Nancy Feldman; Teresa Barrera
Subject: RE: Exide Lead Monitoring Data thru 6/17/2014
Attachments: '14 FncInRsIts-VernonCA.XLSM; Rehrig-ATSF-Exide Mid_Pb data Nov_07 to June _15_2014_to Rudy.xlsx

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Hi Kathleen, Joel, Matt and Mark. As a follow up to our last Tuesday's conference call, and as per your request, below and attached please find the most recent ambient monitoring data from Exide through June 22, 2014 (first attachment) that I just received this morning from Exide. I have also attached the most recent monitoring data that we have from SCAQMD's monitors around Exide through June 15, 2014 (second attachment). Please note that the data includes lead, as well as arsenic ambient data. Please let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks.

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Subject: Exide hi-vol data thru 6/22/2014

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Cc: Barry Wallerstein; Kurt Wiese; Bayron Gilchrist; Barbara Baird; Nancy Feldman; Teresa Barrera
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Please let me know if there are other documents that EPA is interested in for preparation of your NOV conference call with Exide, scheduled for June 30, 2014. Thanks.

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To: Johnson, Kathleen; Jones, Joel E.; Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark
Subject: Exide hi-vol data thru 6/16/2014
Attachments: '14 FnclnRslts-VernonCA.xlsm

Importance: High

Hi Kathleen, Joel, Matt and Mark. Hope you have had a nice weekend. Matt, sorry I haven't had a chance to get back to you earlier, but have been out of the office and just heard your voice message about Exide. As per your request, attached please find the ambient Lead monitoring data measurements at Exide from December 2009 through June 16, 2014. However, in your voice message you had also asked for the monthly reports for Rule 1420.1. Please note that Rule 1420.1 does not require submittal of monthly reports by Exide, therefore, there are not such documents to provide to EPA. Please let me know if there are other documents that you were interested in and wish you all a nice week. I will be speaking on three different panels at the AWMA National meeting in Long Beach next week, so will most likely be out of the office most of the week, but will check my email and voice mail. Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:18 AM
To: Mohsen Nazemi
Cc: Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark; Christenson, Kara; Mogharabi, Nahal
Subject: EXIDE Technologies - EPA Notice of Violation
Attachments: NOV Exide 05-22-2014 w company & state letters.pdf

Hi Mohsen,
Please see attached Findings and Notice of Violation re EXIDE. We will issue our press release after contacting the company headquarters.
Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Jordan, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 5:23 AM
To: Mohsen Nazemi; Johnson, Kathleen
Cc: Rios, Gerardo
Subject: Re: Google Alert - Exide

Thanks for forwarding, Mohsen. Have a good flight!
Debbie

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From: Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 5:13:56 AM
To: Johnson, Kathleen; Jordan, Deborah
Cc: Rios, Gerardo
Subject: Google Alert - Exide

Hi Kathleen and Debbie. Please see below about Exide issuing Temporary Layoff Notices. This is just an FYI. Thanks.

Mohsen Nazemi

Begin forwarded message

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> Exide Technologies Issues Temporary Layoff Notices to Employees at
> Vernon, California Recycling Facility
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> MILTON, Ga., Apr 21, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE via COMTEX) --
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> Exide Technologies (otcqb:XIDEQ) (www.exide.com), a global leader in stored electrical-energy solutions, today issued WARN (Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification) Act notifications to its workforce at the Company's recycling facility in Vernon, California. The temporary layoffs will affect 20 salaried workers, along with 104 hourly employees who are members of the United Steel Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Local No. 675.
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> The Company made this decision following the South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board's (AQMD) denial of Exide's request for a variance to obtain a limited extension of time to comply with a new "negative pressure" operational standard contained within recently amended air quality regulations (Rule 1420.1) that govern the Vernon location. In addition, the Los Angeles Superior Court denied the Company's petition that would have allowed Exide to continue operating the Vernon facility until a trial on the legality of Rule 1420.1 could be held. Either the variance or the petition would have permitted Exide to operate while implementing a Risk Reduction Plan previously approved by AQMD. The Risk Reduction Plan includes \$5 million in operational improvements and capital investments to further reduce emissions, enhance compliance with the AQMD's existing air quality regulatory standards, and help to ensure compliance with recently adopted air regulatory standards.
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> "Because our Vernon facility is not currently operating and not able to meet the new operational standard without the necessary time to purchase, install and test the required equipment, we had no choice but to make this very difficult

decision to temporarily lay off most of our workers –some of whom are second- or third-generation Exide employees," said Robert M. Caruso, Chief Executive Officer of Exide Technologies. "We know these layoffs will be difficult for our employees and their families, and we thank them for their efforts and dedication to our Company."

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> As Exide continues to evaluate the Company's alternatives regarding future operations at the Vernon, California recycling facility, the Company has established arrangements with third party recyclers to provide tolling and continues to negotiate additional purchases to satisfy lead requirements, both of which will allow the Company to continue operations in the ordinary course.

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> "We understand that today's announcement means parents and hard-working people in the community are now facing the daunting prospect of unemployment, and our thoughts are with them, along with the many suppliers and local business owners who count on Exide for steady income," added Caruso.

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> The layoffs are another blow for residents of Southeast Los Angeles, which continues to wrestle with double-digit unemployment. The more than 100 union jobs at the plant offer stability and economic opportunity for dozens of working families in the heart of Los Angeles.

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> "This is a disappointing day – these are highly specialized, well-paying jobs that simply can't be easily transferred to other industries," said David Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer, United Steel Workers, AFL-CIO, Local No. 675. "As California works to grow its green economy, we need our state leaders and local regulators to work collaboratively with large manufacturing companies to help them achieve California's rigorous air quality standards, protect public health and concurrently provide these types of solid jobs to local families."

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> The Vernon facility, one of only two lead-battery recycling plants west of the Rocky Mountains, processed 25,000 car, truck, motorcycle and other lead-acid batteries every day in a closed-loop system, keeping them from being improperly dumped in landfills or shipped to places with weaker environmental controls. In automotive applications alone, the global car-park now exceeds one billion units, and approximately 98 percent of these vehicles operate with lead-acid batteries. These batteries contain lead, sulfuric acid and plastic, and what happens to them at the end of their service lives is as important as their performance under the hood. The Vernon facility has been recycling spent lead-acid batteries since the 1920s. Exide Technologies has operated the Vernon recycling facility at 2700 S. Indiana Street since 2000.

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> "Exide is prepared to invest in the people, processes and technology at our Vernon facility. We have an approved plan in place, focused on upgrades that will further reduce emissions, as well as enhance the health and safety of our employees, and the community," said Bruce Cole, President, Recycling, and Research and Development of Exide Technologies. "We continue working cooperatively with the Department of Toxic Substance Control and community leaders, and stand ready to work with AQMD, so that we may undertake these significant initiatives."

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> WARN offers protection to workers and their families by requiring employers to provide notice 60 days in advance of covered plant closings and covered layoffs. This notice must be provided to affected workers and their representatives; to the State dislocated worker unit; and to the appropriate unit of local government.

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> About Exide Technologies

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> Exide Technologies, with operations in more than 80 countries, is one of the world's largest producers and recyclers of lead-acid batteries. The Company's global business groups provide a comprehensive range of stored electrical energy products and services for industrial and transportation applications. Transportation markets include original-equipment and aftermarket automotive, heavy-duty truck, agricultural and marine applications, and new technologies for hybrid vehicles and automotive applications. Industrial markets include network power applications such as telecommunications systems, electric utilities, railroads, photovoltaic (solar-power related) and uninterruptible power supply (UPS), and motive-power applications including lift trucks, mining and other commercial vehicles.

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> Battery Recycling: Critical to Environmental Sustainability

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> The recycling of lead-acid batteries is one of the most significant and enduring environmental success stories of our time. Exide Technologies has proudly produced and recycled lead-acid batteries globally for 126 years. The Company recycles sufficient lead tonnage to make it one of the largest secondary lead recyclers in the world. Exide also is a significant recycler of plastic, capturing the plastic from spent batteries and using it in the production of cases and covers for new batteries.

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> Battery recycling helps consumers in that it keeps recyclable materials, including lead and plastic, in the recycling stream and out of the environment. Battery recycling also helps to free battery retailers from the regulatory complexities of handling lead and assures them of a continuous supply of batteries made from high quality, recycled materials.

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> Vernon, California

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> "We understand that today's announcement means parents and hard-working people in the community are now facing the daunting prospect of unemployment, and our thoughts are with them, along with the many suppliers and local business owners who count on Exide for steady income," added Caruso.
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- > The layoffs are another blow for residents of Southeast Los Angeles, which continues to wrestle with double-digit unemployment. The more than 100 union jobs at the plant offer stability and economic opportunity for dozens of working families in the heart of Los Angeles.
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- > "This is a disappointing day – these are highly specialized, well-paying jobs that simply can't be easily transferred to other industries," said David Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer, United Steel Workers, AFL-CIO, Local No. 675. "As California works to grow its green economy, we need our state leaders and local regulators to work collaboratively with large manufacturing companies to help them achieve California's rigorous air quality standards, protect public health and concurrently provide these types of solid jobs to local families."
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- > The Vernon facility, one of only two lead-battery recycling plants west of the Rocky Mountains, processed 25,000 car, truck, motorcycle and other lead-acid batteries every day in a closed-loop system, keeping them from being improperly dumped in landfills or shipped to places with weaker environmental controls. In automotive applications alone, the global car-park now exceeds one billion units, and approximately 98 percent of these vehicles operate with lead-acid batteries. These batteries contain lead, sulfuric acid and plastic, and what happens to them at the end of their service lives is as important as their performance under the hood. The Vernon facility has been recycling spent lead-acid batteries since the 1920s. Exide Technologies has operated the Vernon recycling facility at 2700 S. Indiana Street since 2000.
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- > "Exide is prepared to invest in the people, processes and technology at our Vernon facility. We have an approved plan in place, focused on upgrades that will further reduce emissions, as well as enhance the health and safety of our employees, and the community," said Bruce Cole, President, Recycling, and Research and Development of Exide Technologies. "We continue working cooperatively with the Department of Toxic Substance Control and community leaders, and stand ready to work with AQMD, so that we may undertake these significant initiatives."
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- > WARN offers protection to workers and their families by requiring employers to provide notice 60 days in advance of covered plant closings and covered layoffs. This notice must be provided to affected workers and their representatives; to the State dislocated worker unit; and to the appropriate unit of local government.
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- > About Exide Technologies
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- > Exide Technologies, with operations in more than 80 countries, is one of the world's largest producers and recyclers of lead-acid batteries. The Company's global business groups provide a comprehensive range of stored electrical energy products and services for industrial and transportation applications. Transportation markets include original-equipment and aftermarket automotive, heavy-duty truck, agricultural and marine applications, and new technologies for hybrid vehicles and automotive applications. Industrial markets include network power applications such as telecommunications systems, electric utilities, railroads, photovoltaic (solar-power related) and uninterruptible power supply (UPS), and motive-power applications including lift trucks, mining and other commercial vehicles.
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- > Battery Recycling: Critical to Environmental Sustainability
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- > The recycling of lead-acid batteries is one of the most significant and enduring environmental success stories of our time. Exide Technologies has proudly produced and recycled lead-acid batteries globally for 126 years. The Company recycles sufficient lead tonnage to make it one of the largest secondary lead recyclers in the world. Exide also is a significant recycler of plastic, capturing the plastic from spent batteries and using it in the production of cases and covers for new batteries.
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- > Battery recycling helps consumers in that it keeps recyclable materials, including lead and plastic, in the recycling stream and out of the environment. Battery recycling also helps to free battery retailers from the regulatory complexities of handling lead and assures them of a continuous supply of batteries made from high quality, recycled materials.
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Cc: bwallerstein@aqmd.gov; kwiese@aqmd.gov; Barbara Baird; Denise Whitcher; Vanessa Rodriguez; Patti Anderson; Ann Millican
Subject: SCAQMD/EPA Meeting

Hi Kathleen and thanks for calling me today to confirm our meeting for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the EPA office in San Francisco. Looking forward to meeting with you and other EPA staff to discuss Exide. Thanks.

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From: Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>
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To: Johnson, Kathleen
Subject: Exide Attorneys

Hi Kathleen and thanks for your call this afternoon. With respect to having a meeting at your office to discuss Exide, it looks like **Tuesday, April 22, 2014** is a possibility. I am checking it with Barry's calendar, but wanted to give you a heads up on that. Also as per our conversation, below please find the name of the law firms representing Exide. Please note that they have a separate law firm representing them on the Bankruptcy vs. other issues:

Litigation and Hearing Board Issues: Sheppard Mullin Richter @ Hampton
Bankruptcy Issues: Quinn Emmanuel

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From: Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 9:18 AM
To: Rios, Gerardo;Adams, Elizabeth
Cc: Jordan, Deborah;Johnson, Kathleen
Subject: Urgent Title V Question RE: Exide

Hi Elizabeth and Gerardo. Hope U R both doing well. We would like to speak to you and your Counsel briefly today regarding whether or not we can include requirements to mitigate fugitive emissions during construction, demolition or equipment replacement activities in Title V permits.

Sorry for the short notice, but this is related to Exide so we need to speak to you today. Can U please let me know when U all R available? I also sent U both a text messages on your cell phones, as well. Thanks.

Mohsen Nazemi

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Subject: Action Items from April 16 Meeting with DTSC and EPA
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Hi everyone,

I have attached the Action Items from our meeting last Tuesday. Please take a look and let me know if there is anything you'd like to add or change to the Action Items by next Tuesday. I will send out an updated Action Items document if I get edits.

I will be transitioning out of my role as the California RCRA Grant Manager around mid-May. An acting Grant Manager will be assigned following my absence. This person will help maintain continuity by tracking action items and acting as a point of contact for DTSC on RCRA Program issues. I will introduce you to that person when they are selected.

It's been a pleasure getting to know and work with all of you.

Thanks,

Eric

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